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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

NIESHA WRIGHT, <i>Plaintiff,</i>	Case 3:17-cv-01066-JR
v. ELISABETH DEVOS, <i>Defendant.</i>	JOINT STATUS REPORT

On October 2, 2017, this Court granted Plaintiff's unopposed motion to stay this case. ECF 10, 11. The parties now submit this Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court's orders of October 2, 2017, ECF 11, and January 16, 2019, ECF 32.

As noted in the parties' most recent status report, *see* ECF 27, Defendant believes that this case has become moot and Plaintiff believes that she may be entitled to costs pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1920. At the end of the day on December 21, 2018, the appropriations to the

Department of Justice lapsed, generally prohibiting undersigned counsel for Defendant from working and limiting the ability of undersigned counsel to engage in substantive communications during the intervening period. The parties agree, however, to engage in good faith settlement negotiations to resolve this matter once Congress appropriates funds for the Department. The parties do not object to the stay remaining in place while they continue their discussions and propose filing another status report by March 24, 2019, if the case has not already been dismissed by that time.

Dated: January 22, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing motion was delivered to all counsel of record via the Court's ECF notification system.

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